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**Click to watch LADOT's Year in Review video!**

### **Happy New Year!**

We welcome staff back, as we hope everyone had a splendid holidays spent with their loved ones. Please be sure to watch the LADOT Year in Review video to see a few of our major accomplishments in 2017. Thanks to staff's hard work in the previous year, we are ready to take on and accomplish more in 2018!

### **CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive 2017: A Success!**

On December 18th, LADOT's DASH contractor MV, managed by TPA Jacob Brothers and STP Yanna Loewy along with City Ride, managed by STP Luz Echavarria, participated in the annual CHP Chips for Kids toy drive. They successfully filled a DASH bus with unwrapped gifts donated from the drivers, staff, and management at both divisions over the 3-week donation period. Gifts were inclusive of all age groups, from bicycles and board games to hula hoops and teddy bears. When DASH and City Ride arrived at CHP, they were greeted by Officer Gomez and a few of his staff members who were very thankful for their contribution. The toy drive was a great success and LADOT looks forward to participating in the Chips for Kids toy drive this year.

### **Music Legends Get Their Signs**

John Densmore, Councilmember Paul Koretz, Brian Gallagher

On January 4th, 2018, the Department of Transportation and District 5 Councilmember Paul Koretz's Office installed custom street name signs at the intersection of Morrison Street and Densmore Avenue in Encino to celebrate the "Day of the Doors". These signs act as a reminder of the Doors legacy on the streets of L.A., where music fans can stop by to get a photo. The Doors lyrics from "Roadhouse Blues", written in 1970, still resonate with today's Vision Zero program: "Keep your eyes on the road, your hand upon the wheel." For a video stream of the event, click [here](#).

## Progress Continues on MyFig

Construction continues to move full speed ahead, with lots of underground utility work taking place. Now that the installation of LADWP water meters for landscaping is complete, the four bus platforms on the northern stretch of Figueroa St (between Olympic and 8th streets) are being built. Concrete is currently being poured for the curb and gutters of these bus platforms, with guardrails and foundations to follow. The foundations for the other five southern bus platforms will also be poured in the next few weeks.

Progress is also being made on the north side of 11th St., with new, wider sidewalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps now installed for several blocks. The majority of the northern sidewalk will be complete this month, and then the north side of 11th St. will be landscaped as construction shifts to the south side of the street.

The MyFigueroa project recently [topped the list](#) of 'LA Moments to look forward to in 2018' on Curbed Los Angeles, and crews will continue their work along Figueroa and 11th Streets, moving toward a project completion by Spring 2018.

## #WalkinginLA: CD 13 Pedestrian Signal Activation

Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell with field crews at the installation

LADOT Field Crews recently installed a pedestrian signal activation on Silver Lake Boulevard and Van Pelt Place, next to the Silver Lake Recreation Center. The signal includes a red stop light for vehicular traffic in both directions to halt for pedestrians crossing. Stop by to take a look at the completed project.

## Meet and Greet Our Safer Streets: Night-Time Flashing Yellow Signal Operation

Brandon Wong, Transportation Engineering Associate, shows us how a recent implementation of flashing yellow signal operation at night, is a useful tool in reducing speeds along a wide corridor when traffic is light. Aside from the flashing yellow replacing the steady green, the signals operate and change normally. On side streets, signals continue to operate normally with the typical green, yellow, and red cycles. Click [here](#) for further details on Night-Time Flashing Yellow Signal Operations.

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